

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Masaki Hashimoto et al.

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Art Unit: 3643

For: PLANT CULTIVATING BASE BODY  
AND METHOD OF MAUFACTURING  
THE SAME

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Examiner: S. T. Nguyen

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH RCE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 10, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.